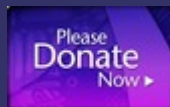




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Public Practice Schedule

Monday

7:00 am Zazen

7:40 am Morning Chanting Service

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Evening Chanting Service

Tuesday- Friday

6:00 am Zazen

6:40 am Kinhin (walking
meditation)

6:50 am Zazen

7:20 am Chanting Service

7:40 am Soji (brief temple
cleaning)

Sangha e-Newsletter 2014



Xuedou wrote for a monk:

One character, three characters, five and seven characters
Having thoroughly investigated the ten thousand things,
none have any foundation.

At midnight the white moon sets into the dark ocean.
When searching for the black dragon's pearl,
you will find they are numerous.

...Just serve the community and do not worry about poverty. If
you do not have a limited heart you will have boundless fortune.
Apparently, serving the community like this is the crucial attitude for the
abbot.

As for the attitude while preparing food, the essential point is deeply to
arouse genuine mind and respectful mind without making judgments
about the ingredients' fineness or coarseness.

6:00 pm Zazen
 6:40 pm Chanting Service
Thursdays Study Hour 7:30pm

Saturday

6:30 am Zazen
 7:10 am Chanting Service
 7:25 am Soji
 8:30 am Drop-in instruction
 9:25 am Zazen
 10:15 am Dharma Talk
 11:00 am Refreshments/Social



HIV Meditation Sitting Group

weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
 Thursdays & Fridays



Have you not heard that by offering to Buddha one bowl of white water [left over from rinsing rice], an old woman attained wondrous merit during her life; and that by presenting half a mango fruit to a temple, King Ashoka could generate his final great act of charity and thereby receive the prediction of buddhahood and enjoy the great result? Although they create relationship to buddha, [donations that are] abundant, but lacking [in heart] are not as good as those that are small but sincere. This is the practice of a [true] person.

Instructions for the Tenzo. Dogen's pure Standards for the Zen Community. Tr. Taigen Daniel Leighton & Shohaku Okumura



HSZC non- profit window display, late June to early July 2014



Upcoming Events:

Dharma Talks - Rev. Myō Lahey - Jul 12, Aug 2,9,23 @10:15am

Guest Speaker Saturdays - **July 19** Renshin Bunce; July 26 Jamie Howell; **August 16** Hobu Beata Chapman; August 30 Mark Lancaster; **October 11** Laura Burges; November 1 Jisan Tova Green; **December 27** Mark Lancaster

10:30 am zazen
11:00 am garden socializing

Meditation in Recovery

(Men & Women)

weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction

Fridays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Women's Meditation in

Recovery

(Women only)

monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction.

First Thurs, 7:15 pm -8:45 pm

Full Moon Ceremony - Saturday, July 12 @ 11am - the Full Thunder, Hay or Buck Moon.

Hartford Street Sangha practice week at Tassajara - STARTS TODAY! July 8th through the 11th, 2014.

Winter Study Period - (similar to a practice period) is planned to kick off around Sejiki (End of October) and run through Rohatsu and the Winter Light 5 day retreat (Early December).

Sangha Council - August 16, 2014

Founder's Memorial - Issan's Memorial is generally on the 6th of the month, & the memorial for Philip Whalen is generally on the 26th @ 6:40pm

Study Hour - Book of Serenity (wrapping up the 100 cases/full book very soon! Moving on to a different text) we have books to share, we read together, feel free to drop-in - Thursdays @7:30pm

Next Board of Directors' Meeting - Second Wednesdays of the month July 9 @ 7:30pm You're welcome to attend & observe.

Words From Our Abbot: Rev Myō Lahey

[June 30, 2014 Heart Sutra Class @ Valley Streams Zen Sangha \(very cool start off on this recording with Rev Myo saying the Heart Sutra in Sanskrit!\)](#)

...That's there's something to do, that's critical, for most of us.

Avalokiteśvara's practice and Dogen's practice is about embodying perfect wisdom. And if you're just lying down all the time and you're kind of a slug, your either a very advanced practitioner or you kind of missed the boat entirely.

You can embody perfect wisdom lying down and your great ancestor Touzi Yiqing did just that and after his awakening he went and visited another teacher's monastery and slept in the monk's hall all the time. And the Director finally complained to the abbot [Yuantong Shen] and the abbot said "ok I'll go check it out" and so he goes into the hall and there he is, Touzi Yiqing

snoring away and so he takes his staff and BANGS it on the tan and Touzi says, whoa, whoa, what's the problem and the abbot says "we don't have enough rice to feed useless people like you" and Touzi says "well what do you want me to do?" And the abbot says "you could like do zazen and go to lecture" and Touzi says, "well you know someone whose stomach is full is not interested in good food" and the abbot says "what do you think about the fact that I don't approve that" and Touzi says "and what would be the point of waiting for you to approve?" And the abbot says "who have you been practicing with?" and Touzi says "Fushan" [Fushan Fayuan] and the abbot says I wondered of such obstinacy" and they go off giggling to have tea together.

So even sleep can be, does, manifest perfect wisdom. All we have to do is leave polluting thoughts about the non-unified body-mind, just leave them by the side of the road, you don't need them. They too are empty in their nature, so this is all, all of this, the heart sutra and so forth is a great pep talk an irresistible invitation into the depths of this practice of perfect wisdom.



LGBTQI pride march June 2011

We are thrilled to announce that Hartford Street Zen Center has been selected as a beneficiary of [The Castro Street Fair 2014](#). Please mark your calendars for **Sunday 5 October!**

As a beneficiary we get paid a percentage of the total donations received by the fair for every hour that every person volunteers at the Fair. The online registration will go live in July. Meanwhile, there will be a sign-up sheet available at the temple -- we can have up to 50 volunteers -- plenty of opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors. The funds raised will go toward repairing and INSULATING the zendo floor!!! Making the warmth of our practice even more tangible and lessening our resource use on our fragile Mother Earth. Please join in a fun day of FUN*draising for Hartford Street Zen Center!

Looking forward to a great [Castro Street Fair 2014](#) with you!

Hartford Street History -

HSZC newsletter Winter 1990, Issan's Mountain Seat Ceremony, comment by Issan:

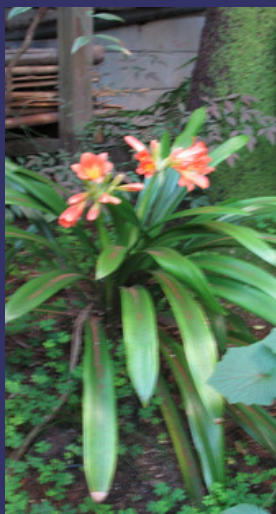
"Our practice at One Mountain temple is settling in closeness with each other, so we can know completely we have bonds with each other that are more important than birth or death--settled in ultimate closeness. I'd like to recite a poem my teacher and I both like, from the koan, "Where to meet after death."

This is the poem in the koan:

True friendship transcends intimacy or alienation
Between meeting and not meeting--no difference
On the old fully blossomed plum tree,
South branch owns the whole spring
North branch owns the whole spring.

This is Issan's poem:

We have bonds with each other that are
more important than life or death.
The original face has no birth or death
Spring is in the plum flower
Entering a painted picture.



WINTER STUDY PERIOD

This winter we will have a study period. This event is similar to a [practice period](#) and is planned to kick off after Sejiki (End of October, start of November) and run through Rohatsu and the Winter Light 5 day retreat (start of December).

Because we are primarily a lay sangha (community) and organization, attendance to the full practice period schedule is not an option for most, and we all have lay world careers including our residential students, so we will take the practice period model and make some adjustments.

We ask individuals commit to a routine they can uphold. We would like as we get closer to the start of this period, to know what you can join us for and encourage all to participate. Some of the parts of the study period require attendance planning and also to ensure there is enough to make a good group concentrated effort. If you know now what you can commit to, you can let us know, otherwise, please inform us as early as you can before the period begins. A deadline will be later communicated. We look forward to concentrated practice opportunity with you!

Look for our non-profit promotional photographed above (better in person) window display at Walgreens on Castro Street and 18th Street through July 11th!

Other Holidays or LGBTQI Events:

[Lazy Bear Weekend](#) - July 30 to August 4

[Additional LGBTQI Events](#)

Or [found here](#)



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